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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1667

BEIRUT FOR BAGHDAD; KUWAIT ALSO FOR DOHA

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SUBJECT: VENUE FOR DECEMBER OPEC MEETING

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1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR HELMS AND MYSELF ON UNDER

SECRETARY OF PETROLEUM ABDULLAH ISMAIL NDEMBER 30, ISMAIL SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW IT WAS STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO WHERE OPEC MEETING WOULD BE HELD. HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT MOST OF OPEC MEMBERS (INCLUDING UAE) HAD GONE ALONG WITH BOUMEDIENE PROPOSAL TO SHIFT VENUE TO ALGIERS; HOWEVER, NIGERIA AND KUWAIT HAD SENT REPLIES OPPOSING PROPOSAL, AND IRAN HAD NOT YET REACTED. (COMMENT: THIS APPEARS AT VARIANCE WITH OTAIBA'S STATEMENT TO ME FEW DAYS AGO THAT VENUE HAD SHIFTED BACK TO VIENNA; ISMAIL SEEMED TO THINK MATTERS WERE STILL UP IN AIR.)

2. ALSO INTERESTING TO BOTH AMBASSADOR HELMS AND MYSELF WAS ISMAIL'S RECOUNTING OF MEANS BY WHICH ABU DHABI CONFERENCE GROUP ARRIVED AT 85 PER CENT TAX FIGURE. ISMAIL SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW NEITHER YAMANI NOR OTAIBA HAD CHECKED WITH ANY OF THE EXPERTS ON THEIR DELEGATIONS IN RAISING TAX TO THIS LEVEL. WITH SIGH OF DESPONDENCY, ISMAIL SAID THIS WAS GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW EVERYTHING THAT WAS HAPPENING IN OPEC THESE DAYS WAS "PURE POLITICS".
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